

THE HOTEL DRIARD
American and European Plans.
The First-Class Hotel of
Victoria.
Free Bus from Boats and
Trains.
C. A. HARRISON, Prop.

Victoria Daily Times.

VOL. 44

INQUIRING INTO DRAWING TROUBLE

FURTHER EVIDENCE
BY EXAMINER BLAIR

Witness Gave Blackboard Illustrations
Showing Differences in Various
Methods of Drawing.

Yesterday afternoon's session of the commission appointed to investigate the South Park school drawing trouble was taken up with the expert testimony of Examiner Blair. The latter went through the majority of the books, the work on which he questioned, and drew attention to lines in various exercises, each one of which, he contended, had been ruled in direct contravention of the regulations of the department. At this morning's sitting Mr. Blair continued his evidence. This afternoon Mr. Blair is being cross-examined by Mr. Elliott, counsel for Miss Cameron.

When proceedings were resumed yesterday afternoon, J. T. Elliott, representing Miss Cameron, asked leave to make a statement. He had always understood that an expert on any line took his life in his hands, figuratively speaking, when he entered the witness box: "Under the circumstances he had been requested to give a hint as to his line of defence. The work which D. Blair had pronounced impossible of performance with a free hand had subsequently been done by pupils of the class, under careful supervision. The results had proved equally satisfactory. This he intended to prove in the course of the presentation of his case."

D. Blair again took the stand, and the examination of the drawing books continued. He drew particular attention to the fact that many of the designs were much smaller than the instructions called for.

Later on witness made an explanation when asked whether it would be permissible for a pupil to lay a ruler on a book to act as a horizontal line or basis of a figure. He stated that such a thing was not allowed in model drawing. It consisted solely of free-hand work, and its utility was the training of the student to form a design symmetrically by the use of hand and eye and without the assistance of any mechanical appliance. Unless there was absolute compliance with the instructions issued by him the drawings could not be considered model in the strict sense of the term.

In the drawing book of Mabel Booz the witness drew attention to the fact that a pin had been used in the pencil to mark the vanishing point in the perspective of one of the designs. Other designs had been plainly ruled. Comparing the work of the pupil mentioned apart from the regular drawing book and that done in the latter witness believed there was a marked difference. It was plainly apparent that, when the child was placed before a model and required to draw it without the assistance of a "spurious perspective" the result was utter failure. "Those drawings are beautiful if they had been done according to the free-hand system," he added, "but such wasn't the case."

In the instances where the designs had been executed without perspective the lines used, instead of converging, diverged. This was a most conclusive proof of rule.

Corporal Badginton's book elicited some other amusing salves on the part of the witness. He said it was the most extraordinary drawing he had ever seen with the exception of that of Master Muirhead, which he would testify later. In reference to one design he remarked that the pupil would have had to have been suspended from the ceiling in order to trace such angles naturally. (Laughter.)

The commissioner—Marks were not disallowed because of the rules drawn altogether?

Witness replied in the negative, and continuing he wanted it clearly understood that the books were thrown out for three reasons. These were firstly, the infringement of the regulations by the permission of the use of ruled lines; secondly, the quality of the character of the designs throughout, and thirdly, the varied size of the designs, the instructions demanding that they be made of a particular specified size. All these rules had been entirely overlooked, and consequently had been decided to withhold the marks usually allowed.

In order to make his stand clear Mr. Blair read his recent circular. He levied no charge against the children, but, if anything, accused the teachers. The drawing under examination, he went on, could not be termed model drawing. It was ridiculous to do so. If the instructions had been followed out carefully such remarkable uniformity in the character of the designs could not have been obtained. The designs could not have been obtained, that it must have been wrong.

Mr. Eberts—What lines do you find ruled here? He handed witness a book containing the work of Master Muirhead.

Mr. Blair pointed out a number which, he said, would swear had not been drawn with a free-hand. Turning several pages he drew attention to other lines which, though he could not express himself with absolute confidence as to their being ruled, nevertheless were marvellously straight. (Laughter.)

The books were still being subjected to the expert scrutiny of Mr. Blair

when an adjournment was taken until this morning.

To-day's Session.

Before the opening of the proceedings this morning D. M. Eberts, K.C., on behalf of the council of public instruction, asked leave to make an explanation. He stated that in the newspaper reports it had been affirmed that he agreed to produce drawing books for which marks had been allowed for purposes of comparison. This was not the arrangement. What was agreed was the production of the books belonging to the Stratford, North Ward, and other schools for which marks had not been awarded. In an account appearing in the Victoria Times it had also been stated that the commissioners had gone to the window and made a "vain search for the tracing so confidently pointed out by the witness." This, he contended, was not a report of the evidence but unfair comment.

R. T. Elliott wanted to know whether it was the intention of his learned friend to conduct the trial by newspaper. "We're not playing to the grand stand," he remarked.

"You'll have to haul in your sign," retorted Mr. Elliott.

The commission inclined to Mr. Elliott's opinion and Examiner Blair re-entered the stand.

Taking up the Book of Margaret Jane Clark, witness swore that a number of lines used in the construction of the first exercises had been ruled. He also stated that all the model drawings had been ruled to some extent.

Commissioner Lampman read over Miss Clay's letter to Miss Cameron making a statement as to the method adopted by her in outlining the figures.

F. B. Gregory, addressing witness, asked whether it was free hand drawing, to use paper for *illustrating* the *drawings*, as was acknowledged.

Witness "wasn't free hand if those lines were measured and the centre line ruled." (Laughter.)

Later, he remarked that he had gone over all the books mentioned and was placing his professional reputation upon the statement that all lines he had indicated by blue markings were ruled in direct contravention to the regulations.

In the course of examination Mr. Blair stated that some of the pupils were fairly intelligent in their drawing capabilities and, no doubt, had been allowed to copy the models the results would have been more satisfactory.

When the book of Clarence W. Muirhead was submitted his declaration was read by the commissioner. In this he declares that all the work had been done at home and that wherever possible a ruler had been used. This communication has already been published.

Some interesting repartee took place between counsel at this stage.

Mr. Gregory—"The pupil states that the work was done out of school hours, and the certificate of Miss Cameron's signature implies the contrary."

Witness wanted to know whether it was permissible to ask what the initials of Miss Cameron on the Muirhead book meant.

The commissioner, however, would not allow the query.

Witnessing the witness said that in spite of the pupil's statement he thought the work was comparatively free from ruling. Perhaps the discrepancy was accounted for by the fact that the boy was from America.

Commissioner Lampman—"Such statements cannot be permitted."

Taking up the exercises contained in Master Muirhead's book witness pointed out where he found "ruling" and where there were no evidences of it. He also drew attention to an instance where a pin had been utilized in ruling the tracing covered by a free-hand line.

Eleanor Scott Robinson's book was next dealt with, and witness advised for a comparison of the drawing book figures with those upon time copy. He drew attention to the difference in construction, the latter bearing the appearance of being done by free-hand to a much greater extent than the former.

The work done by Jessie Roberts was subjected to considerable criticism. Blair contended that in some exercises converging lines had apparently been used because a hard rubber had roughened the surface of the paper, making the inference was perfectly clear.

After Master Anton Henderson's book had been examined, witness stated that the centre line in exercise one was ruled. Other tracings were mentioned as having been drawn with the assistance of some appliance. He pointed out places where lines were "wonderfully parallel." He could not swear that these were all ruled, but they were very straight for free-hand work.

This pupil was one of those who had sworn an affidavit to the effect that the regulations had not been broken in any instance.

The last book Mr. Eberts announced was that of Miss Hanna, who also had made a declaration that no rulers had been utilized in her work.

Witness' attention to a particular line, he said, asked his opinion as to its construction.

"I would like to be able to sketch such a line," replied Mr. Blair.

"Then you don't think you could?"

"I'm quite sure I couldn't," was the reply.

On page seventeen the datum line was plainly ruled. Witness again pointed out the small size of the figures. They were, he said, very little larger than the models, and "wonderfully straight."

Continuing his examination, Mr. Eberts asked witness when he had gone over the book.

Witness said he had inspected them after the half-yearly examination for entrance to the High school. With the co-examiner's drawing particular attention had been paid the free-hand and model drawing, especially the latter. There had been seven examiners

CRIME COMMITTED AT SPENCE'S BRIDGE

LABORER FOUND WITH
HIS SKULL CRUSHED

Spences Bridge Infested by a Gang
Thugs From Other Side of
Line.

Intelligence was brought to the city to-day of what seems to have been a terrible crime committed at the railway town of Spence's Bridge on the main line of the C. P. R. railway. The victim, who was known in the district as Charles Brown, was a labourer from the coast and is believed to have been a sailor on one of the vessels plying from this port or from Vancouver. He was found at the bottom of an embankment about sixty feet high. In his pockets were \$2, which probably represent his earnings for the month; his pay day having been on the previous Friday.

The dead man was about forty years of age, and the position of the body was such that it was the opinion of those who found him that he had first been killed, and had then been thrown over the bank.

The reason his identity is not known is, as already stated, that he had, it is believed, another, another, in connection with the work on the new railway there. This device is sometimes employed to save the workman from being charged up with his railway fare by the contractors.

The gentleman who brought the information to the city states that the present time Spence's Bridge is infested by a gang of toughs and thugs from the other side of the line who prey upon the twelve hundred or more workmen who are employed on C. P. R. construction and who rendezvous at that point. There is but one provincial policeman there, but he is totally unable to cope with the lawless forces which have established themselves at that point.

The men of Lossie & Macdonald have practically completed the grading of the line from Spence's Bridge to Nicols and the bridge gangs are now at work.

The work done by Clarence W. Muirhead was submitted his declaration was read by the commissioner. In this he declares that all the work had been done at home and that wherever possible a ruler had been used. This communication has already been published.

Some interesting repartee took place between counsel at this stage.

Mr. Gregory—"The pupil states that the work was done out of school hours, and the certificate of Miss Cameron's signature implies the contrary."

Witness wanted to know whether it was permissible to ask what the initials of Miss Cameron on the Muirhead book meant.

The commissioner, however, would not allow the query.

Witnessing the witness said that in spite of the pupil's statement he thought the work was comparatively free from ruling. Perhaps the discrepancy was accounted for by the fact that the boy was from America.

Commissioner Lampman—"Such statements cannot be permitted."

Taking up the exercises contained in Master Muirhead's book witness pointed out where he found "ruling" and where there were no evidences of it. He also drew attention to an instance where a pin had been utilized in ruling the tracing covered by a free-hand line.

Eleanor Scott Robinson's book was next dealt with, and witness advised for a comparison of the drawing book figures with those upon time copy. He drew attention to the difference in construction, the latter bearing the appearance of being done by free-hand to a much greater extent than the former.

The work done by Jessie Roberts was subjected to considerable criticism. Blair contended that in some exercises converging lines had apparently been used because a hard rubber had roughened the surface of the paper, making the inference was perfectly clear.

After Master Anton Henderson's book had been examined, witness stated that the centre line in exercise one was ruled. Other tracings were mentioned as having been drawn with the assistance of some appliance. He pointed out places where lines were "wonderfully parallel." He could not swear that these were all ruled, but they were very straight for free-hand work.

This pupil was one of those who had sworn an affidavit to the effect that the regulations had not been broken in any instance.

The last book Mr. Eberts announced was that of Miss Hanna, who also had made a declaration that no rulers had been utilized in her work.

Witness' attention to a particular line, he said, asked his opinion as to its construction.

"I would like to be able to sketch such a line," replied Mr. Blair.

"Then you don't think you could?"

"I'm quite sure I couldn't," was the reply.

On page seventeen the datum line was plainly ruled. Witness again pointed out the small size of the figures. They were, he said, very little larger than the models, and "wonderfully straight."

Continuing his examination, Mr. Eberts asked witness when he had gone over the book.

Witness said he had inspected them after the half-yearly examination for entrance to the High school. With the co-examiner's drawing particular attention had been paid the free-hand and model drawing, especially the latter. There had been seven examiners

ORE LANDS SALE.

Deal for Purchase of Great Northern
Railway Property Reported to
Have Been Completed.

Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 26.—Private dis-

pachets received in Wall street from

St. Paul yesterday said that the nego-

cations for the purchase by the United

States Steel Corporation of the ore

lands of the Great Northern railway in

Minnesota had been completed.

No confirmation of the report could

be obtained here.

MOROCCAN PRETENDER.

Report That But Mamara Is Preparing
to Attack the Sultan's Troops.

Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Tangier corre-

spondent of the Echo de Paris says that

the pretender to the Moorish throne,

Barham, is preparing to attack the

Sultan's troops with a numerous army

near the Algerian frontier.

(Continued on page 4.)

JOHN A. DOWIE,
Former Head of Zion City Is on His
Way to Jamaica.

(Associated Press.)

Boston, Mass., Dec. 2.—John Alexander Dowie, who has just abdicated his position as the head of Zion City, Ill., arrived here in a private car attached to a train on the Boston & Maine railroad last night. He was accompanied by his son, Dr. Gladstone Dowie, a trained nurse and two readers from Zion City. The party remained on the car over night, and to-day will go on board the steamer "Admiral Dewey" of the United Fruit Company's line bound for Jamaica. Later Dowie will take an extended cruise in the Caribbean sea in the hope of recovering his shattered health.

HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS.

Jewels, Gold and Silver Valued at
\$50,000, Destroyed in Express Car.

(Associated Press.)

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—The Journal says: "Besides the loss of life in the Santa Fe train wreck at Laclede, Kansas, on Tuesday, there was about \$5,000 in gold, and \$3,000 in currency, and many thousand dollars worth of jewellery destroyed in the express car attached to the train taking fire. The money was in transit from the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City to Kansas bankers. One estimate places the value of the precious stones and gold and silver at \$50,000. Most of the packages contained Christmas presents."

The dead man was about forty years of age, and the position of the body was such that it was the opinion of those who found him that he had first been killed, and had then been thrown over the bank.

The reason his identity is not known is, as already stated, that he had, it is believed, another, another, in connection with the work on the new railway there. This device is sometimes employed to save the workman from being charged up with his railway fare by the contractors.

The dead man was about forty years of age, and the position of the body was such that it was the opinion of those who found him that he had first been killed, and had then been thrown over the bank.

The reason his identity is not known is, as already stated, that he had, it is believed, another, another, in connection with the work on the new railway there. This device is sometimes employed to save the workman from being charged up with his railway fare by the contractors.

The dead man was about forty years of age, and the position of the body was such that it was the opinion of those who found him that he had first been killed, and had then been thrown over the bank.

The reason his identity is not known is, as already stated, that he had, it is believed, another, another, in connection with the work on the new railway there. This device is sometimes employed to save the workman from being charged up with his railway fare by the contractors.

The dead man was about forty years of age, and the position of the body was such that it was the opinion of those who found him that he had first been killed, and had then been thrown over the bank.

The reason his identity is not known is, as already stated, that he

WE ARE HEADQUARTERS LOR.

HAIR BRUSHES in Ebony, Rosewood, Foxwood
MILITARY BRUSHES in Ebony and other woods
FANCY ATOMIZERS, PERFUMES
TRAVELLING COMPANIONS, FLASKS

And a great variety of goods suitable for Christmas gifts from 25c. to \$10.00.

Come and look around.

Campbell's Prescription Store

FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS

Look for the sign of the Camel.



B. C. Electric Ry. Co. Ltd.

35 Yates Street.

WINES AND LIQUORS

Inspect our stock before buying your Xmas supply. Our stock this season is more complete than ever.

FORT WINES, bottle	35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00
SHERRY WINES, bottle	50c, 75c, \$1.00
FRENCH CLARETS, bottle	35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00
SCOTCH WHISKY, bottle	50c, \$1.00, \$1.25
RYE WHISKY, bottle	50c, \$1.00, \$1.25
IRISH WHISKY, bottle	50c, \$1.00, \$1.25
JAMAICA RUM, bottle	75c, \$1.00, \$1.25
BRANDY, bottle	\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50

The Saunders Grocery Company,
PHONE 28 THE FAMILY GROCERS JOHNSON STREET

HAWKINS & HAYWARD, 95 FORT ST.

PHONE 643.

We quote on all kinds of

ELECTRICAL WORK

Complete installations, dynamos, motors, house wiring, etc. Prices right; work guaranteed. Armature winding a specialty.

ZEMSTVOISTS MAY
GAIN THEIR POINTAND SECURE SYSTEM OF
UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE

Discussed in Russian Council—Workmen Await News From Provinces
Before Proclaiming Strike.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Associated Press learns authoritatively that the advocates of universal suffrage had the upper hand in the council at Tsarskoe-Selo yesterday. The Emperor, who presided, expressed the wish that the representatives of the legislative congress should first present their views. Thereupon Dmitri Shipov pointed out the gravity of the present situation. He urged not only the theoretical advantage of granting a system of universal suffrage, but also its absolute necessity from a tactical standpoint. The Emperor asked M. Shipov bluntly whether he regarded

Universal Suffrage

as necessary for the best interests of the country and the people, to which M. Shipov replied emphatically that he did. Count Vorontzovsky, master of the court, who has been an implacable opponent of the universal suffrage, confessed that two weeks ago he believed such a suffrage should never be conceded; now, however, he was convinced that all considerations must give way to a single interest, the salvation of the fatherland. Universal suffrage, he said, had become the watchword of the people, and in such a crisis the government must seize the psychological moment.

During the dinner which followed, with Count Witte at the head of the table, even the most reactionary of those present hinted that it might be necessary after all to grant universal suffrage.

It is now understood that Count Witte is determined to force through a universal suffrage to-morrow.

These are no doubt that the pro-Slav organization will risk proclaiming a general strike as their answer to the government's policy of repression. They are anxious.

Awaiting Responses

From the provinces, and especially the decision of the railroad men whose central committee is holding a prolonged session at Moscow.

The strongest argument of the leaders against delay is that the government will employ the time before January 22nd in breaking up the organizations throughout the country, leaving a vacuum to a strike on a national scale. The government confidently counts upon the split in the ranks of the workmen which was produced by the starvation of many during the last strike, and upon the counsels of such men as Father Gapon, who has advised his old followers not to heed the

advices of the socialist agitation and revolutionaries.

Among the workmen in the mills and factories here the proprietors say there has been a great change of sentiment. The men generally are satisfied with the Emperor's last speech, in which his Majesty declared it was his

unchangeable purpose

to carry the reforms promised in his manifesto. Nevertheless, according to the proprietors, the men may easily be swayed away from the tide of passion.

There is considerable anxiety because of rumors that the loyal demonstrations which have been planned for to-day, the Emperor's namesday, are to be made the occasion for the turning loose of the "Black Hundreds" here and at Moscow, but it is extremely doubtful that even the most reactionary officials would be able to provide rioting in such a crisis.

The warning of the government to the labor leaders that it would be unable to protect their followers from the fury of the populace in case of another general strike seems to be justified by a dispatch from Rostov-on-Don, according to which a mob attacked a committee of railroad men called to discuss the question of a strike and beat its members nearly to death.

Car Stand Firm.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Count Von Alvensleben, the retiring German ambassador at St. Petersburg, talking to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung regarding his farewell audience with Emperor Nicholas, said the Emperor spoke freely about the situation and said firmly that he intended first to restore order and then carry out all the reforms promised. His Majesty added that he relied upon the assistance of the national assembly.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the St. Petersburg Zeitung affirms that he has been assured by "serious persons" there exists at the Russian court a party including two which is intriguing to persuade the foreign powers to take steps to rescue their subjects in Russia as a means of raising Russian national feeling to a point which will result in saving the country from anarchy.

Slain By Cossacks.

New York, Dec. 19.—After seventeen days of the Russian revolution in Warsaw, after seeing hundreds mown down by Cossacks, and after having felt two bombs explode in the room under him, Dr. American Joyce, J. C. Mitchell, 385 Tappan Russia. He arrived here to-day on the steamer Bremen. Mitchell has been in Russia under contract with Baron Stoye.

He said all I want of Russia,

he said to-day, "I saw Cossacks charge into a crowd of 5,000 people in Warsaw. They used their knobs and pistols and swung their swords at every head within reach. I stayed at the Bristol hotel in Warsaw, and from November 11th to November 17th, during the great strike, there were no cooks in the hotel. The night of November 18th, I was playing billiards in the billiard room on the second floor. We heard a great shouting outside, but it had become so usual that we paid no attention to it. Suddenly, there was a fusillade of shots, a crashing of glass, then cries of pain from women in the cafe below. We ran to the head of the stairs and saw men and women rushing from the place.

Exploded in New York Building—Telephone Room Wrecked.

New York, Dec. 19.—A bomb was hurled to-night through one of the front windows of the Allied Iron Association at No. 7 East Fourteenth street. It landed in a room used for telephone purposes, and exploded, wrecking the place. Several employees in an adjoining room were stunned by the explosion. Firemen of the street was crowded, and for a time a panic was threatened.

Fragments of the missile were picked up in the wrecked room, but no one could be found who saw the person who had thrown it.

The Allied Iron Association was formed recently when the structural iron works declared a strike against the contracting firm of Post & McCord.

One of the members of the allied as-

sociation is the firm of Post & McCord, against whom a strike was declared sometime ago and who are contractors for the Altman building, where six men were killed by an explosion to-day.

Two men named Butherford and Murray, both from Philadelphia, were killed Monday night by highwaymen near Diaz, a small city in Chihuahua, Mex. A man named Finstad, of Los Angeles, and another, unknown, were wounded. The robbers escaped.

TURKEYS TURKEYS

Fine Smith Falls Turkeys, Cranberries and other good things that go to make your Xmas dinner a success. Order now from

Watson & Hall, 55 Yates Street

PHONE 418.

Some dashed up the stairs and others back through the hall to the rear. While we stood there a bomb was thrown into the cafe and exploded, wrecking the ground floor. Another bomb quickly followed, and the whole building seemed to shake. Before the sound of the explosion had died away the crowd had swarmed through the windows and a break in the wall and we heard the crashing of china and chairs, and the breaking of tables. The Cossacks literally cut their way through the crowd, driving their horses through the windows, cutting down all who did not flee.

"When we heard the yell of the Cossacks then came the charge of the cavalry, the yell of the wounded and the crack of pistols, the horses running over people, with a sickening sound. The Cossacks literally cut their way through the crowd, driving their horses through the windows, cutting down all who did not flee.

"Gradually quiet was restored. The official statement issued showed three killed, but three carloads of dead bodies were taken away a few days after this. I was in the American bar which faces on a park square, where there was a meeting of workmen. There were fully 5,000 crowded in the place when the Cossacks charged and cleared the park. The Cossacks were fired upon and several were wounded, and this appeared to drive them to fury. The place resembled a shambles. Some of the workmen rushed back and brought up the body of a dead comrade and threw it into a wheelbarrow with the legs dangling at the front. The crowd then paraded the streets, singing revolutionary songs, with the dead man wheeled in the lead.

Trains Collide.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 19.—Two freight trains on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad collided near Hedgeville, Md., to-day, in which Engineer H. A. Haas was killed and several train hands injured. Engineer Haas jumped from his train in front of an east-bound passenger train, and was struck by the engine with fatal results.

Philippine Products.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—By a vote of 7 to 5 the house committee on ways and means reported favorably to-day on the Payne bill, admitting all Philippine products in the United States free, excepting sugar and tobacco, which are to pay 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates until 1909, when they also will be admitted free.

Accident on Elevated.

New York, Dec. 19.—In an inquiry into the affairs of the Washington Insurance Company was begun to-day by the legislative-insurance investigating committee, when John Tatlock, president of the company, was called to the witness stand. Mr. Tatlock was elected in December, 1904, after an examination of the company by the state department, which resulted in a reorganization of the management of the company.

Mr. Tatlock detailed reforms that had been instituted since the reorganization, among them the abolition of a cash surrender value in policies, and the elimination of the cash fund.

He said that his experience had been that about 5 per cent. of loans were never paid up, and that a loan was but a deferred surrender of a policy.

According to the witness \$65,000 in advances to agents had been placed upon the books of the company thus far this year. These, he explained, were legacies from the former management.

No contributions for political purposes had ever been made by the Washington Life, as far as the witness had been able to learn, and the only thing in the nature of legislative expenses was a retainer to W. S. Walker, who, the witness thought, was a Chicago newspaper man. This retainer was paid to the president, who was cut off. Walker wrote special stories in insurance and upon insurance measures, pending in western legislatures.

Immediately after the present year, at the instigation of the finance committee, much of the company's holdings in bonds and mortgages upon real estate were closed out and the funds invested in negotiable securities. In many of these transactions, the securities were purchased through A. A. Ryan, broker, son of Thomas Ryan, financier. About \$640,000 has been invested in securities since January 1st last. In the list of securities furnished the committee appeared \$10,000 of American tobacco, purchased January 1st. This was subsequently sold out at a profit of \$3,000. The witness explained that while the auditing committee did not look with favor upon the holdings of this stock, it was sold out because it was purchased as a temporary holding, and it was good to sell it.

The company never had gone into a syndicate until this year. Since January 1st, it has been in six.

Previous to calling Mr. Tatlock, president H. W. E. Townsley, of the Life Association of America, was called to complete his testimony, which was interrupted by adjournment yesterday. He received a salary of \$12,000 a year. He said that the \$50,000 voted to him and Eugene Van Schack for organizing the company came under the observation of the insurance department, and that the attorney-general had noticed that it would have to be paid back.

The Knickerbocker Investment Company owns a majority of the trust voted certificates of the Bankers' Life, which they pledged to the Manhattan Bonding and Underwriting, which Townsley and Van Schack organized, and of which they are directors.

BOMB OUTRAGE.

New York, Dec. 19.—A bomb was hurled to-night through one of the front windows of the Allied Iron Association at No. 7 East Fourteenth street. It landed in a room used for telephone purposes, and exploded, wrecking the place. Several employees in an adjoining room were stunned by the explosion. Firemen of the street was crowded, and for a time a panic was threatened.

Great reduction of prices on all lines during the month.

We give a present to every purchaser of one dollar and up, the present to be governed by amount of purchase. Best and cheapest Japanese stores in the town.

Special prices for church bazaar, etc.

RETURNS FROM ENGLAND.

President Mackenzie, of the Canadian Northern, tells of Trip.

President Mackenzie, of the Canadian Northern, has returned to Toronto from England. In an interview he gave to the Globe yesterday for five years, to the Toronto Industrial Protection Society to advertise the city, and it will be considered by the city council at its next meeting.

Mr. Mackenzie went to England five weeks ago to obtain \$6,000,000 for next year's extension of the Canadian Northern system. He got the millions without any difficulty.

"What is the most striking sign of

the growing favor in which Canadian securities are held in the Old Country?" repeated Mr. Mackenzie. "Well,

of course, I know best about my own business. I was in London last February for \$600,000, which there was no difficulty in obtaining. The price was \$2. In November we wanted \$1,200,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at the period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of men. But we have had no difficulty in obtaining it.

"But we wanted \$1,200,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at the period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of men. But we have had no difficulty in obtaining it.

"But we wanted \$1,200,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at the period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of men. But we have had no difficulty in obtaining it.

"But we wanted \$1,200,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at the period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of men. But we have had no difficulty in obtaining it.

"But we wanted \$1,200,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at the period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of men. But we have had no difficulty in obtaining it.

"But we wanted \$1,200,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at the period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of men. But we have had no difficulty in obtaining it.

"But we wanted \$1,200,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at the period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of men. But we have had no difficulty in obtaining it.

"But we wanted \$1,200,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at the period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of men. But we have had no difficulty in obtaining it.

"But we wanted \$1,200,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at the period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of men. But we have had no difficulty in obtaining it.

"But we wanted \$1,200,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at the period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of men. But we have had no difficulty in obtaining it.

"But we wanted \$1,200,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at the period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of men. But we have had no difficulty in obtaining it.

"But we wanted \$1,200,000 for next season's work. It was an unfavorable time in many respects. There was less money lying in the banks than at the period since I have been in the habit of going to Europe, owing to an all-round improvement in the employment of men. But we have had no difficulty in obtaining it.

MELCHER'S Red Cross Gin

A PURE WHOLESOME SPIRIT.

The ONLY Gin bearing the Government Stamp.

Sold By All Dealers.

DELICATE PERFUMES

IN

PRETTY PACKETS

AT

HALL'S

CENTRAL DRUG STORE

N. E. COR. YATES & DOUGLAS.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria. Dec. 19.—The barometer remains low over this province and off the Coast, and unsettled, rainy weather prevails from Vancouver Island to California. A southerly gale has again occurred on the Washington coast and a snow is falling in Cariboo. The weather remains comparatively mild in Alberta and in Manitoba, the temperature is a few degrees above zero.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday, Victoria, and vicinity—Sothern winds unsustained, with occasional sheet or rain. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, unsettled, with rain or sheet.

Reporta.

Victoria. Barometer, 29.85; temperature, 38; minimum, 37; wind, 2 miles S. W.; rain, 25; weather, cloudy. **New Westminster**—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 38; minimum, 35; wind, 2 miles S.; rain, 25; weather, cloudy. **Nanaimo**—Wind, calm; weather, cloudy. **Kamloops**—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, 38; minimum, 35; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barker City—Barometer, 29.61; temperature, 37; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 25; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 48; minimum, 45; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 25; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, 30; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, fair.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

"After all the agitation work of Ald. Halse, chairman of the finance committee, there will be no surplus of civic funds this year, as was expected," says the News-Advertiser. "At the special meeting of the city council Monday evening he announced that not a cent of the contingent fund remained, and to make matters worse the comptroller had discovered that \$8,000 or \$9,000 which earlier in the year had been charged to the by-law, has now to be transferred to the revenue account. This will leave a deficit of just the amount. This announcement made in a brief but warm discussion which arose in connection with the condition of the streets."

Monday, following orders received from headquarters in Toronto, the local offices of the York County Loan & Savings Company, were closed. The National Trust Company, which was appointed liquidator by the winding-up order granted by Judge Teetzel in Toronto last Saturday, notified the Dominion Trust Company to take possession as agent. Almost at the same time, C. Grantham, the local manager, received a telegram from the president of the York County Loan Company, instructing him to give up possession and to receive no further payments from the shareholders. J. D. Morris, manager of the Dominion Trust Company, acted on these instructions and closed the office and dismissed all the staff with the exception of Mr. Grantham.

ham, whom he was notified to retain, an inventory of the effects of the York County Company was taken, and in a few days they will be removed to the offices of the Dominion Trust Company.

Al. Halse has definitely decided that he will run again in Ward 1. His Worship the Mayor also announced on Monday that he would offer for re-election. J. H. Tracey is announced as a candidate in Ward 2 for alderman.

BRICKMAKERS' COMBINE.

Several Defendants, Including Labor Leaders, Fined Two Thousand Dollars Each.

Chicago. Dec. 19.—The so-called brick trust of Chicago made a complete surrender to State Attorney Healey in court yesterday, and the following defendants were fined \$2,000 each with the exception of W. H. Weckler, who turned State's evidence. George C. Prussing, president of the Illinois Brick Company; J. H. Grey, sales agent for the same company, William Weckler, general superintendent of the company; Edward J. Tormey, sales agent for the Chicago Brick Company; John J. H. Schleicher, sales agent for the American Brick Company; Patrick McMahon, business agent of the Brick, Sand, Lime and Terra Cotta Teamsters' Union; Chas. Hank, business agent of Brickmakers' Union; the Illinois Brick Company; the Chicago Brick Company, and American Brick Company.

The indictments were obtained at the instance of a number of small dealers who complained to the grand jury that they were unable to get supplies unless they complied with the terms and all demands of the combination of brickmakers which practically controlled the output of brick in Chicago and vicinity.

As soon as the cases were called in court yesterday the attorneys for the defence announced that William H. Weckler had decided to turn State's evidence and it was desired that the punishment to be inflicted on the other nine defendants should be remitted in his case.

Mr. Healy said that he was willing that this action should be taken in Mr. Weckler's case and the attorneys then entered pleas of guilty for all the other defendants. The fines were paid and the defendants were dismissed.

The charge against the labor leaders, included with that of the brick combine in the indictments was that the strike of brickmakers was the contractors used brick purchased from others than those in the combine.

In cases where these strikes were called it was said by the state attorney, the contractors were compelled to pay their men for all the time they were on strike under penalty of having their supply cut off by the combination or having a second strike called.

On Speaking Terms—Mrs. O'Riley— "And are you on speakin' terms with our neighbor?" Mrs. Murphy—"Av course I am." She called me a *thafe an' I*—called her another—"Plick-me-up."

Allen's Lung Balsam.

The best Cough Medicine.

ABSOLUTE SAFETY

should be rigorously insisted upon when buying medicine, for upon that depends one's life.

ALLEN'S LUNG BAL-SAM

contains NO OPIUM in any form and is safe, sure, and prompt in cases of CROUP, COLDS, deep-seated COUGHS.

Try it now, and be convinced.

ATTEMPT TO UPSET WINDING-UP ORDER

Application in Case of York County
Loan Company—Chief Justice
Meredith's Decision.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—An attempt to upset Judge Teetzel's winding-up order, in the case of the York County Loan Co. was made before Chief Justice Meredith in court this morning. James Dicknell, K. C., acting for a number of outside shareholders, made this application, arguing, first, that the company, having a provincial charter, could not come under the Dominion Winding-up Act; secondly, that the company was not insolvent and the shareholders, as such, were not creditors; Chief Justice Meredith replied that the shareholders were creditors and very serious creditors, and he declined to consider the question of insolvency. The act of the directors was an admission of their inability to conduct the affairs of the company. He refused leave to appeal against the winding-up order on the point of solvency. On the point of jurisdiction of the court, he ruled that the Court of Appeal, in the Winding-up Act, intended a special case to the Court of Appeals, with the proviso, however, that liquidation proceedings should not be stayed unless so ordered by the Court of Appeals.

Many Cases.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Conspiracy charges against individual members of the Master Plumbers' Association were commenced in the police court to-day. There are 165 cases in all.

Entered for Probate.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The will of Rev. Robert Warden, D. D., late general agent of the Presbyterian church of Canada, was entered for probate yesterday. The gross estimate is \$105,718.56.

Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Prof. Dennis, of Cleveland, Ohio, the expert appointed by the city council to report on what would be a reasonable price for gas in Montreal, to-day reported to the council that the price, in his opinion, should be 87 cents. The local company has a franchise extending for five years, but would like an extension, and had offered for such extension to reduce the price within the next four years from \$1.20 to \$1 for lighting, and within two years from \$1 to 99 cents for fuel gas.

Death of G. W. Draper.

Halifax, Dec. 19.—Geo. W. Draper, ex-governor of Melville Island, was dead aged 82 years. He was governor of Melville Island military prison for about 30 years, retiring about 10 years ago.

Campion Vacancy.

Sherbrooke, Dec. 19.—R. H. Pope, ex-M. P., has been nominated by Compton Conservatives to oppose A. H. Hunt (Liberal). Nominations take place December 28th, and polling January 4th.

Temporarily Insane.

Kingston, Dec. 19.—Valentine Short, the Valleyfield murderer, transferred from St. Vincent de Paul to Kingston penitentiary, is now temporarily insane, and has been transferred to the insane asylum.

Mrs. E. G. Charlton Dead.

Simeon, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Eliza Gray Charlton, wife of Hon. J. Charlton, is dead, aged 83 years.

Damage \$40,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—The warehouse of the Port Huron Thresher Company was burned this afternoon, entailing a loss of \$40,000; insurance \$21,000.

Another Blaze.

Rosethorn, Sask., Dec. 19.—Half the best business block in Rosethorn was destroyed at midnight by fire, when Lowe & Rempel's stock in the McIntyre building, McEwen's salerooms and the Web bowling alley were wiped out by the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will reach \$30,000, while the owners are insured for \$13,000. Wright's jewellery store was also razed and is a total loss.

Major Fleming Re-elected.

Brandon, Dec. 19.—Mayor Fleming was re-elected to-day by a majority of 63 over Dr. McDiarmid, the Citizens League candidate.

A PAINLESS CURE FOR CANCER.

Send 6 cents (stamps) and learn all about the marvellous cure that is doing so much for others. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Lord Grey received the following cable to-day from the trustees of the Rhodes scholarship: "Trustees congratulate Canada on Rose's success, winning Ireland and Craven." Mr. Rose is a son of Dr. S. P. Rose, of the Methodist church, Montreal.

The friends of temperance are asking for the repeal of the Scott Act in Prince county, P. E. I., because the local temperance laws are more stringent. A vote will be arranged for the repeal of the act.

The American vessel Taftier has been seized at Sydney, Cape Breton, for an infraction of the Canadian marine laws, by shipping men without a license.

THE VENEZUELA INCIDENT.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The French government is officially advised of President Castro's favorable action in withdrawing the offensive note to Mr. Talony, the French chargé d'affaires at Caracas, and Premier Rouvier communicated to the council of ministers that Venezuela having packed the incident is considered to have been regulated according to the desires of France.

For solid comfort, travel by the Northern Pacific's swell train. "The North Coast Limited."

Take in supply of "SLAR WOOD" before the wet weather sets in. To be had at Lemon, Gonnson & Co.'s mill. Telephone 77. Prompt delivery.

HELPFUL HINTS FROM

McCandless Bros.

Initial Handkerchiefs,
Fancy Suspenders
Nobby Neckwear
Christy's Hats
Choice Umbrellas
Dent's Gloves
House Jackets

A Big Selection at the Big Clothing House

McCandless Bros.

37 JOHNSON STREET

ATTEMPT TO UPSET WINDING-UP ORDER

Application in Case of York County
Loan Company—Chief Justice
Meredith's Decision.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—An attempt to upset Judge Teetzel's winding-up order, in the case of the York County Loan Co. was made before Chief Justice Meredith in court this morning. James Dicknell, K. C., acting for a number of outside shareholders, made this application, arguing, first, that the company, having a provincial charter, could not come under the Dominion Winding-up Act; secondly, that the company was not insolvent and the shareholders, as such, were not creditors; Chief Justice Meredith replied that the shareholders were creditors and very serious creditors, and he declined to consider the question of insolvency. The act of the directors was an admission of their inability to conduct the affairs of the company. He refused leave to appeal against the winding-up order on the point of solvency. On the point of jurisdiction of the court, he ruled that the Court of Appeals, in the Winding-up Act, intended a special case to the Court of Appeals, with the proviso, however, that liquidation proceedings should not be stayed unless so ordered by the Court of Appeals.

Many Cases.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Conspiracy charges against individual members of the Master Plumbers' Association were commenced in the police court to-day. There are 165 cases in all.

Entered for Probate.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The will of Rev. Robert Warden, D. D., late general agent of the Presbyterian church of Canada, was entered for probate yesterday. The gross estimate is \$105,718.56.

Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Prof. Dennis, of Cleveland, Ohio, the expert appointed by the city council to report on what would be a reasonable price for gas in Montreal, to-day reported to the council that the price, in his opinion, should be 87 cents. The local company has a franchise extending for five years, but would like an extension, and had offered for such extension to reduce the price within the next four years from \$1.20 to \$1 for lighting, and within two years from \$1 to 99 cents for fuel gas.

Death of G. W. Draper.

Halifax, Dec. 19.—Geo. W. Draper, ex-governor of Melville Island, was dead aged 82 years. He was governor of Melville Island military prison for about 30 years, retiring about 10 years ago.

Campion Vacancy.

Sherbrooke, Dec. 19.—R. H. Pope, ex-M. P., has been nominated by Compton Conservatives to oppose A. H. Hunt (Liberal). Nominations take place December 28th, and polling January 4th.

Temporarily Insane.

Kingston, Dec. 19.—Valentine Short, the Valleyfield murderer, transferred from St. Vincent de Paul to Kingston penitentiary, is now temporarily insane, and has been transferred to the insane asylum.

Mrs. E. G. Charlton Dead.

Simeon, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Eliza Gray Charlton, wife of Hon. J. Charlton, is dead, aged 83 years.

Damage \$40,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—The warehouse of the Port Huron Thresher Company was burned this afternoon, entailing a loss of \$40,000; insurance \$21,000.

Another Blaze.

Rosethorn, Sask., Dec. 19.—Half the best business block in Rosethorn was destroyed at midnight by fire, when Lowe & Rempel's stock in the McIntyre building, McEwen's salerooms and the Web bowling alley were wiped out by the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will reach \$30,000, while the owners are insured for \$13,000. Wright's jewellery store was also razed and is a total loss.

Major Fleming Re-elected.

Brandon, Dec. 19.—Mayor Fleming was re-elected to-day by a majority of 63 over Dr. McDiarmid, the Citizens League candidate.

A PAINLESS CURE FOR CANCER.

Send 6 cents (stamps) and learn all about the marvellous cure that is doing so much for others. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Lord Grey received the following cable to-day from the trustees of the Rhodes scholarship: "Trustees congratulate Canada on Rose's success, winning Ireland and Craven." Mr. Rose is a son of Dr. S. P. Rose, of the Methodist church, Montreal.

The friends of temperance are asking for the repeal of the Scott Act in Prince county, P. E. I., because the local temperance laws are more stringent. A vote will be arranged for the repeal of the act.

The American vessel Taftier has been seized at Sydney, Cape Breton, for an infraction of the Canadian marine laws, by shipping men without a license.

THE VENEZUELA INCIDENT.

The Daily Times

Published every day (except Sunday) by the
Times Printing & Publishing Co.
LIMITED.
JOHN NELSON,
Managing Director.
Offices 26 Broad Street
Reportorial Rooms 45
Telephones: 1000

Daily, one month by carrier 15c
Daily, one week by carrier 25c
Daily, by mail, per annum \$1.00
Twice-a-Week Times, per annum \$1.00

Special Eastern Canadian representative,
H. V. Kahle, Room 115 117 Mass Bldg.
Toronto.

The DAILY TIMES is on sale at the following places in Victoria:
Jones' Cigar Store, Douglas St.
Emery's cigar Store, 2d Government St.
Victoria's Stationery Store, 75 Yates St.
Victoria News Co. Ltd., 76 Yates St.
Victoria's Stationery Store, 100 Government St.
T. N. Hibben, 51 Yates St.
A. Edwards, 51 Yates St.
W. E. Morris, 51 Yates and Govt.
W. W. Walker, grocer, Esquimalt road.
W. W. Wilby, of Douglas Street.
Post Office, 119 Government St.
Pope Stationery Co., 119 Government St.
T. Redding, Craigdarroch road, Victoria W.
T. E. McDonald, Oak Bay Junction.
E. G. Peacock, 100 P. O.
Mrs. Coburn, Oak Bay.
A. Schroeder, Menzies and Michigan Sts.
Mrs. Marshall, George Hotel, at the George
Geo. C. Anderson, Savoy Cigar Store, Govt.
Neil Macdonald, East End Grocery, cor.
Foul Bay and Park Ave.
A. Adams, Stanley Ave. & Cadboro Pay Rd.
F. Le Roy, Palace Cigar Store, Govt. St.
John and Fred Marden's for
every day's news.
The TIMES is also on sale at the following places:
Seattle Hotel, New Strand Stand; Hanmer
Grand Hotel, New Strand Stand; Galway &
Co., Vancouver-Vancouver Hotel; Galway &
Co., New Westminster; J. J. McKay; H. Morey
& Co.
Kamloops-Smith Bros.
Dawson-Bennett News Co.
Vancouver-Vancouver News Co.
White Horse, Y. T.-Bennett News Co.
Revelstoke-C. D. Beattie, Red Cross Drug
Greenwood-Smith & McRae.
Phoenix-McRae Bros. & Smith.
Grand Forks, W. H. Itter.
Vancouver-A. Graham.
Portland, Ore.-Oregon News Co., 147 Sixth
street.

Notice to Advertisers

Owing to the pressure of advertising during the holiday season, all changes, additions and corrections must be in by 8:30 a.m. in the business office by 8:30 a.m. in the morning. Advertisers are requested, where possible, to hand new copy in the evening previous to the day of publication, in order to secure better display for their advertisements.

MAKING THE MOST
OF A GOOD THING:

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, the Dominion Postmaster-General, has been severely criticized by the Conservative press for continuing his private legal practice after taking office. It has been explained that Mr. Aylesworth in appearing before the courts was probably merely clearing up certain legal business entrusted to his charge before he was called into the councils of the country. But, even if the Postmaster-General were to continue his private practice, would he not be following precedents set by many eminent legal gentlemen? Take the case of our own Attorney-General of British Columbia. Surely it will not be suggested that a distinguished member of such a distinguished government as that of the Hon. Richard McBride would commit any act in violation of the political proprieties or conventionalities. What do we find in connection with the administration of the Attorney-General's department of this province? When Mr. Wilson is not in England attending sessions of the Privy Council, without accomplishing anything of note that we have even yet heard of, does he spend all his time looking after the business of his department? His figure is not a familiar one on the streets of Victoria. If he pays any attention to the administration of justice in this province at all, he does it at long range. Furthermore, Mr. Wilson not only devotes his time to the private practice which comes to his office in Vancouver, but has actually been known to accept a brief in defence of the acts of a corporation which has been striving in its operations to get the better of the province. Mr. Wilson's latest abortive trip to London will probably be brought to an end in time to permit of his attendance at the pending sessions of the legislature, when he will have an opportunity to justify his course as Attorney-General. All the comment that is justifiable at the present time is that it is a strange thing our legal director-general cannot give his attention to the business of the province coming before the local courts, that the only matters worthy of the exercise of his admittedly great talents are those brought up in the Privy Council, and that he has to employ a goodly array of native lawyers to conduct the provincial cases coming before the local courts. Such procedure may be a convenient way of dispensing patronage. But it is expensive, and the taxes are very burdensome to the people.

Hon. Richard McBride when in Toronto attending the banquet in honor of Mr. R. L. Borden (a trip, by the way, indulged in at the expense of the people of British Columbia) stated to a reporter of the Toronto Telegram that he was about to face a general election, and he was getting ready for it. So it may be accepted as a fact that the government of British Columbia can have its way there will be an appeal to the people before the term of the present legislature has expired.

The taxpaying classes of British Columbia are not likely to be reconciled to the increased burdens imposed upon them by consumption of the bills for travelling expenses presented by the various peripatetic ministers.

VAGARIES OF BETTER TERMS.

Premier Gouin of Quebec has also been giving particulars of his demand for "better terms." Mr. Gouin did not formulate his case in the guise of a "memorial" or anything of that kind. He did not take a delegation to the capital to elucidate a previously prepared brief. But he evidently thinks British Columbia is not the only province that has an extensive credit account with the Dominion. We are not very sure respecting the amount Premier McBride told a Montreal newspaper he hoped to draw from the federal treasury when the validity of our claims were recognized by a reasonable federal government. We think the accumulation was something like fifteen million dollars. Premier Gouin has a much heavier account to settle than that. It will reach a sum of between fifty or sixty millions, we should think, according to the preliminary figures. Ontario will scarcely admit that her claims are less than those of Quebec. No doubt we shall hear from Premier Whitney in due time—say after he has completed his task of discharging Grit civil servants to make room for a fraction of the Tory patriots, who are demanding opportunities to serve their country. Then New Brunswick will appear at Ottawa with her little bill of costs representing the amount she has paid into the federal treasury in excess of that which she has been permitted to draw therefrom. Nova Scotia will follow closely behind her sister province, and Prince Edward Island will bring up the rear of the Eastern contingent with a supplication for the construction of a channel tunnel to cost somewhere between ten and twenty million dollars. Add to the sum total of all these demands British Columbia's request for the construction of a bridge across Seymour Narrows, and we have some slight conception of the embarrassing situation in which the Dominion government is likely to place. No wonder Sir Wilfrid Laurier feels that the subject is one which must be approached with great caution and diplomatic circumspection. We know it will give a severe shock to the author of a certain memorial if we quote the Premier's remarks on the subject of better terms generally, drawn from him by the utterances of Premier Gouin. The rights of the whole people, quoth Sir Wilfrid, would have to be considered, and while Mr. Gouin had claimed that it was the right of the provinces to greater subsidies, he could not go quite that far. He felt that it would be a gratifying thing if the provinces could enjoy the advantages that might come from greater subsidies, but the restrictions imposed by the British North America Act could not be ignored.

ENGLAND AYLOUSED.

When the names of the gentlemen composing the Campbell-Bannerman cabinet were announced we thought there would be protests from the representatives of the majority of the people of the government was formed to govern. Apparently the Southerners nursed their wrath for a little while just to warm it up and get it into fine condition for an explosion. The outburst has come. The press being, we understand, principally under the dominion of northern men, as is everything else, it is alleged, in the United Kingdom requiring mature judgment and extreme fitness in its management, it was hardly to be expected that the newspapers would lead the attack, nor could the leader of the new opposition, himself a Scot of the Scots, consistently head on attack on the grounds of nationality. That somewhat delicate task was left for the irresponsible anonymous correspondents to perform. They have risen to the occasion like men and are now expressing their opinions of the government with fine scorn worthy of a "subject race." It read this, taken from the Evening News, a newspaper which has been bitter in its opposition to the Tory party and has worked with might and main to accomplish the overthrow of the Balfour-Chamberlain combination:

"As an Englishman I raise my voice in protest against the extraordinary preponderance of the alien element in the Campbell-Bannerman cabinet, Scotland, which bases her claim to distinction primarily upon the vaporing of a few poets; is so appallingly apparent in the government of the country that I for one stand aghast at Campbell-Bannerman's effrontery in flogging up the long-suffering people of this country an army of hungry Scotchmen."

On this the all-Scotch ministry is easily explained. As Scotchmen, they troop over the border into England, and always bind themselves to a solemn vow to prefer a brother Scot whenever the chance occurs. No Scotchman will admit that to an Englishman, but I know it is true.

"The New York Herald's society correspondent writes:

"With one or two exceptions the cabinet appointments have been received with stolid indifference, but, I find that people are, as a rule, extremely ignorant at Mr. John Burns, another Scot, by the way, being included. That a man who could not speak hardly enough of the army and belittled it in every way should be in such a position as he is now is causing considerable indignation, and people are wondering how he will reconcile his words that no man is worth more than £500 (\$2,000) a year, with the fact that he is now in receipt of a government allowance of £2,000 (\$10,000)."

One would think Englishmen had now become sufficiently accustomed to

the domination of the master guilds of the superior race to baffle themselves to the inevitable. Operations are fashionable in these days of advanced medical science, and if the humor of the situation does not appeal to them, the late Sydney Smith's remedy, for a certain constitutional defect ought to be applied.

The cannymen of the Sound have assembled, deliberated, and unanimously passed a resolution calling for the prohibition of fishing above the New Westminster bridge. At the same meeting it was resolved, and put decided with an emphasis that would produce conviction, that the weekly close season was not enforced by the authorities with that marked degree of earnestness which produces success. Would it not have been better for the Americans to have set their own house in order before undertaking to interfere in the domestic affairs of their neighbors? The Sound fishermen are, as yet, doing nothing to preserve the canning industry from ruin. They have, on the contrary, with entire disregard of precautionary measures, been mainly instrumental in producing the situation which confronts fishermen to-day. Would it not have been well for them to give some material evidence of a disposition to pursue a more common sense and reasonable course in the future before presuming to dictate a course to Canadians?

Mr. Osler, formerly of Canada, late of Baltimore, and now of Oxford, has been talking for publication again. His latest statement will create a greater sensation than his formerly expressed opinion that the average man should be chloroformed when he reaches a certain allotted span of life, and not the Biblical span either. This time the doctor has trodden upon highly controversial ground. He will hear from many gifted controversialists who are inflexibly opposed to his materialism.

The Doukhobors are reported to be restless again and desirous of departing upon one of their mysterious and purposeless pilgrimages, which moves the Toronto Star to remark: It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. If the Doukhobors insist on disrupting, why not let them do it, and thus advertise our bony Northwest winters?

Statistics, we are told, indicate that Seattle is the healthiest city in the world. And yet is it not possible that Seattle lacks some things as an ideal place of residence.

What Other People Think

ONLY THE LIFE OF A LAD.

To the Editor—I was pleased to see in the editorial of your esteemed paper of the 13th inst., which was headed "Only the Life of a Lad," for by that article you show your feeling for humanity. If you will allow me, I should like to say a little in regard to the sad death of that dear little boy, not that I ever knew him or any of his people, only having to my knowledge seen his father once, and that in the city police court during the examination of Dr. Carter and others relating to the operation, etc. I make this to you, to show that it isn't through any personal knowledge of the family, write this, but to express my feelings in regard to the lad and death. You will see in the Colonial or last Sunday paper Miss Gladys Grant agreed with the evidence of Dr. Hassell. Also she stated the boy seemed to be a "spoilt child," this statement was not in the Daily Times, which was a very unusual remark, for what fond parent wouldn't make a great deal of a child who had been suffering as he had been suffering for some weeks? Why, if it wasn't for such love, humanity would cease to exist. And as regards this little fellow being nervous, show me the full grown man in the best of health and strength (or even a nurse) who would not be nervous, and such an operation without feeling somewhat nervous. So isn't it only reasonable to expect a frail child after suffering such a long time to have a mortal dread of having a thrust in his little side? Dr. Hassell may have observed the manner in which the boy was sustaining the insertion of the instrument. Perhaps the poor little fellow had a knowledge "unknown to them" that it would be more than he could stand and that it was going to kill him, for he was called upon to face a death more terrible than any soldier could expect to meet in the excitement of the battlefield, and his dying shout, one would think, will ever be in the hearing of those present at the operation, "Papa, Papa! Fan me, fan me!"

As an Englishman I raise my voice in protest against the extraordinary preponderance of the alien element in the Campbell-Bannerman cabinet, Scotland, which bases her claim to distinction primarily upon the vaporing of a few poets; is so appallingly apparent in the government of the country that I for one stand aghast at Campbell-Bannerman's effrontery in flogging up the long-suffering people of this country an army of hungry Scotchmen."

On this the all-Scotch ministry is easily explained. As Scotchmen, they troop over the border into England, and always bind themselves to a solemn vow to prefer a brother Scot whenever the chance occurs. No Scotchman will admit that to an Englishman, but I know it is true.

"The New York Herald's society correspondent writes:

"With one or two exceptions the cabinet appointments have been received with stolid indifference, but, I find that people are, as a rule, extremely ignorant at Mr. John Burns, another Scot, by the way, being included. That a man who could not speak hardly enough of the army and belittled it in every way should be in such a position as he is now is causing considerable indignation, and people are wondering how he will reconcile his words that no man is worth more than £500 (\$2,000) a year, with the fact that he is now in receipt of a government allowance of £2,000 (\$10,000)."

One would think Englishmen had now become sufficiently accustomed to

INQUIRING INTO
DRAWING TROUBLE

(Continued from page 1.)

present. There were 10 members of the board. The conclusion reached was that such was not model and could receive no marks.

Mr. Eberle asked witness to describe the drawings, horizontal and other lines, used to assist pupils in constructing the various figures.

Witness replied, and with the aid of a blackboard went thoroughly into the question.

The first took an ordinary cube and explained that converging line, etc., gave the pupil the starting point.

Commissioner Lampman asked how the fact that converging line had been used would help the pupils in their work.

Witness replied with an elaborate explanation, showing that these gave the students the hidden lines in the drawings. He went on to say that from an inspection of the books it would appear that the teachers were not acquainted with the subject; and that his instructions were entirely erroneous.

Mr. Gregory then commenced his cross-examination. He followed along the lines.

Mr. Eberle interrupted this, objecting to a theoretical discourse as outside the scope of the examination.

Replying, Mr. Gregory suggested that the examination was perfectly legitimate. In his evidence witness had pointed out that the books had not alone been thrown out because of the fact that rulers had been used, but also on account of the determination that the work had been done incorrectly. Therefore it wasn't his intention to stop at proving that rulers had been utilized in the tracing, but to show that the system of instruction had not been at all according to direction.

Later on witness was asked for a specimen of the drawings and the difference between model drawings and what was termed perspective. He said that the former was done entirely free-hand, while in the latter vanishing points were allowed. The system last mentioned, however, should not be taught to any low or high school pupils. Such a thing would only result in confusing the pupils. In fact, he added, very few teachers were capable of giving instruction in the latter subject.

The Doukhobors are reported to be restless again and desirous of departing upon one of their mysterious and purposeless pilgrimages, which moves the Toronto Star to remark: It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. If the Doukhobors insist on disrupting, why not let them do it, and thus advertise our bony Northwest winters?

Statistics, we are told, indicate that Seattle is the healthiest city in the world. And yet is it not possible that Seattle lacks some things as an ideal place of residence.

The Doukhobors are reported to be restless again and desirous of departing upon one of their mysterious and purposeless pilgrimages, which moves the Toronto Star to remark: It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. If the Doukhobors insist on disrupting, why not let them do it, and thus advertise our bony Northwest winters?

Statistics, we are told, indicate that Seattle is the healthiest city in the world. And yet is it not possible that Seattle lacks some things as an ideal place of residence.

The Doukhobors are reported to be restless again and desirous of departing upon one of their mysterious and purposeless pilgrimages, which moves the Toronto Star to remark: It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. If the Doukhobors insist on disrupting, why not let them do it, and thus advertise our bony Northwest winters?

Statistics, we are told, indicate that Seattle is the healthiest city in the world. And yet is it not possible that Seattle lacks some things as an ideal place of residence.

The Doukhobors are reported to be restless again and desirous of departing upon one of their mysterious and purposeless pilgrimages, which moves the Toronto Star to remark: It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. If the Doukhobors insist on disrupting, why not let them do it, and thus advertise our bony Northwest winters?

Statistics, we are told, indicate that Seattle is the healthiest city in the world. And yet is it not possible that Seattle lacks some things as an ideal place of residence.

The Doukhobors are reported to be restless again and desirous of departing upon one of their mysterious and purposeless pilgrimages, which moves the Toronto Star to remark: It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. If the Doukhobors insist on disrupting, why not let them do it, and thus advertise our bony Northwest winters?

Statistics, we are told, indicate that Seattle is the healthiest city in the world. And yet is it not possible that Seattle lacks some things as an ideal place of residence.

The Doukhobors are reported to be restless again and desirous of departing upon one of their mysterious and purposeless pilgrimages, which moves the Toronto Star to remark: It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. If the Doukhobors insist on disrupting, why not let them do it, and thus advertise our bony Northwest winters?

Statistics, we are told, indicate that Seattle is the healthiest city in the world. And yet is it not possible that Seattle lacks some things as an ideal place of residence.

The Doukhobors are reported to be restless again and desirous of departing upon one of their mysterious and purposeless pilgrimages, which moves the Toronto Star to remark: It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. If the Doukhobors insist on disrupting, why not let them do it, and thus advertise our bony Northwest winters?

Statistics, we are told, indicate that Seattle is the healthiest city in the world. And yet is it not possible that Seattle lacks some things as an ideal place of residence.

The Doukhobors are reported to be restless again and desirous of departing upon one of their mysterious and purposeless pilgrimages, which moves the Toronto Star to remark: It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. If the Doukhobors insist on disrupting, why not let them do it, and thus advertise our bony Northwest winters?

Statistics, we are told, indicate that Seattle is the healthiest city in the world. And yet is it not possible that Seattle lacks some things as an ideal place of residence.

The Doukhobors are reported to be restless again and desirous of departing upon one of their mysterious and purposeless pilgrimages, which moves the Toronto Star to remark: It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. If the Doukhobors insist on disrupting, why not let them do it, and thus advertise our bony Northwest winters?

Statistics, we are told, indicate that Seattle is the healthiest city in the world. And yet is it not possible that Seattle lacks some things as an ideal place of residence.

The Doukhobors are reported to be restless again and desirous of departing upon one of their mysterious and purposeless pilgrimages, which moves the Toronto Star to remark: It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. If the Doukhobors insist on disrupting, why not let them do it, and thus advertise our bony Northwest winters?

Statistics, we are told, indicate that Seattle is the healthiest city in the world. And yet is it not possible that Seattle lacks some things as an ideal place of residence.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

JUST RECEIVED-CONSIGNMENT OF

SHEFFIELD CUTLERY

DINNER AND DESERT KNIVES, RAZORS, POCKET KNIVES, etc.

Walter S. Fraser & Co., Ltd.

WHARF STREET.

Christmas Presents

There is nothing more acceptable as a Xmas Present than a piece of

GOOD ENOUGH

For anybody is our assortment of EBONY MIRRORS,
EBONY BRUSHES,
EBONY TOILET SETS,
(in elegant cases)
RARE PERFUMES, ETC.

Call and see our fine lines adapted
for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,
CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

As a Going Concern
4 Miles From City

P. O.

22 Acres

5 of which are under cultivation,
3 light houses, 6 roomed cottages
furnished, numerous outbuildings,
windmill, 5 cows, 300 chickens,
horses, wagons, ploughs, harrows,
separators, etc., etc.

Price and terms on application.

P. R. BROWN, L.D.
30 BROAD ST.

Phone 1073. P. O. Box 428

YOUR CHRISTMAS
DINNER
DESERVES A
GOOD WINE



MUMM'S
CHAMPAGNE

PITHER & LEISER
Sole Agents.

According to the Dominion government insurance reports, the Mutual Life of Canada earned the highest percentage of profits to income of any Canadian company, while its expense rate was the lowest. Every dollar of this company's profits and assets belong to the policyholders and its premiums are the lowest of any of the old established companies. A. B. McNeill, special agent, R. L. Drury, manager, 34 Broad street.

The usual social dance will be held in Empress hall next Tuesday evening instead of Friday. It is expected that a large number will be present as this will be the last social dance before the New Year.

Steamer "Princess Beatrice," sailing from here daily, at 9 p.m., connects at Seattle with Northern Pacific trains for all points East and South.

W. Dickson, 25 Johnson street, won the gold chain at the St. Mary's bazaar.

There are gasoline engines of many make and designs, but there was only one secured, the model used for this type of marine propulsive of the Louisiana purchase exposition at St. Louis, last year; only one secured like bidders at the Lewis & Clark exposition recently closed at Portland. This engine is the celebrated Truscott. At the above shows, all of the great manufacturers of marine gas engines exhibited, the Truscott product being judged the best of all. Further comment is unnecessary, but Hutchinson Bros., Broughton street, will be pleased to give further particulars to anyone inquiring for same. They have wished to inform the public that they are now building in Victoria launches of all lengths from the models which have been exhibited as much wherever the Truscott Company have exhibited.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, L. O. O. F., will at its next meeting on Friday evening next confer degrees. A very full attendance of members is desired, with headquarters in St. Paul.

HANDSOME
Modern Residence

With large hall, parlor, dining room, sitting room, kitchen, large bedrooms, woodshed, paneled walls and cold water system, electric light and gas, grates, white mantels and plate glass mirrors, all modern, a corner lot, undoubtedly the most magnificent situation in the city, fully and centrally located.

"DON'T MISS THIS"
If you want a charming home and the

BIGGEST SNAP in the City

GRANT & CONYERS

NO. 2 VIEW STREET,
Opposite Entrance to Uriar Hotel

DEFENDANTS' SIDE
OF WATER CASE

A. E. MCPHILLIPS HAS
FINISHED ARGUMENT

Plaintiff's Address Has Yet to be Made
in Support of Injunction Being
Granted.

The argument of A. E. McPhillips, K. C., was continued yesterday afternoon in the application for an injunction made by the Esquimalt Waterworks Company to restrain the Victoria Power Company from securing a record at Goldstream. The case is being before Mr. Justice Duff.

Mr. McPhillips, representing the power company, took up a new point against the Esquimalt company which had not been touched upon in the trial in which the city appeared as defendant. This was to the effect that the Esquimalt company was incorporated as a waterworks organization for the supplying of water for domestic purposes to the Esquimalt peninsula. That being the case the company had no right to sell power under its charter.

His Lordship called attention to the fact that it was put forth that power was not sold but that water was disposed of according to the act of incorporation.

Mr. McPhillips thought that this could not very well be supported. The water was for the purpose of supplying power and for that alone. Power was the keynote of the whole transaction.

In the case of the National Electric Company the Esquimalt corporation entered into an agreement to sell power. While in the contract with the B. C. Electric this was not done directly yet in reality it was power which was disposed of. He thought that this was not in line with the act of incorporation. If the Esquimalt company wanted additional power to be conferred upon it to supply water for domestic purposes it should have gone and had the charter amended as to cover the case.

Further, Mr. McPhillips contended that the city, in so far as it which gave the Esquimalt the right to interfere with the latter.

At the time of adjournment the argument was still in progress.

To-day's Proceedings.

This forenoon Mr. McPhillips completed his address before adjournment at 1 o'clock. A good part of the morning was occupied with the quoting of authorities in support of his side of the case.

The question of what constituted a reasonable compensation to the Water Clauses Act was also for consideration. Mr. McPhillips thought that the obtaining of rights for water by a statute such as that of the Esquimalt Waterworks Act might have been intended to be recorded as a record.

His Lordship said a record was something in itself which gave a right to diversion. An act of the legislature did not do this.

Mr. McPhillips thought the legislature perhaps meant to embrace rights obtained under the act, however. In effect really the same objects were obtained.

Before concluding Mr. McPhillips intended that the Esquimalt company could claim only the water appropriated and diverted at the time of the passing of the Water Clauses Act in 1897.

The act came in for considerable discussion between His Lordship and Mr. McPhillips on the meaning of some of its sections in this respect, the grammatical construction and lack of clearness being criticized. Difficulty, it was admitted, was to be found in getting at the exact meaning.

Mr. McPhillips thought that if it was the intention of the act to allow all rights obtained by the company previous to the passing of the Water Clauses Act of 1892. This latter act would deprive the company of any rights to water not appropriated at the time of its passage. If it did not certainly the Water Clauses Act of 1897 did this.

Mr. McPhillips held that his company did not depend upon that contention alone, however, as it was held that even if they could not interpret the law in that way yet there was water below the first dam which was not being

getting at the exact meaning.

In order to allow the employees of the E. & N. railway an opportunity to spend Christmas at home no trains will be run on that day. There will be the regular service on New Year's day.

Excursion rates will be in effect from Friday, December 22nd, until January 2nd.

—In order to allow the employees of the E. & N. railway an opportunity to spend Christmas at home no trains will be run on that day. There will be the regular service on New Year's day.

Excursion rates will be in effect from Friday, December 22nd, until

January 2nd.

—A dispatch from St. Paul says:

"That the Great Northern is going to make a vigorous campaign for freight and passenger business in the new district just invaded by the system in British Columbia is shown by the announcement that a division freight and passenger department is to be located there. The division is a new one and marks the first move on the part of the Great Northern to carry its divisions into foreign territory. P. H. Burnham has been appointed the freight and passenger agent of the new district division. Previously Mr. Burnham was a travelling freight agent with headquarters in St. Paul."

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, L. O. O. F., will at its next meeting on Friday evening next confer degrees. A very full attendance of members is desired, with headquarters in St. Paul.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas giving.

Cyrus H. Bowes,

CHEMIST.

18 Government St., Near Yates St.

Call and see our fine lines adapted for Xmas

LIVING TOO HASTILY
CANADIAN WOMEN BREAKDOWNIrregularities of Females Dangerous
and Result - Cured by Lydia E.
Finckham's Vegetable Compound.Owing to our mode and manner of
living, and the nervous haste of every
woman to accomplish just so much
each day, it is said that there is notone woman in twenty-five but what
suffers with some derangement of the
female organism, and this is the secret
of so many unhappy homes.No woman can be amiable, light-
hearted and happy, a joy to her hus-
band and children, and perform the
duties incumbent upon her, when she is
suffering with backache, headache,
nervousness, sleeplessness, bearing
down pains, dislocation of the spine,
spinal weakness or ovarian troubles.Irritability and snappy retorts take
the place of pleasantness, and all sun-
shine is driven out of the home, and
lives are wrecked by woman's great
enemy-a womb trouble.

Read this letter:

Dear Mrs. Finckham—
I suffered for four years with what the
doctors called "inflammation of the fallopian
tube," which is a most distressing female dis-
turbance, undermining the constitution and sap-
ping the life forces. If you had seen me a
year ago when I had begun taking Lydia E.
Finckham's Vegetable Compound, you would
have noticed that I was in a much
more general emaciated condition, and com-
pared that person with me as I am to-day,
robust, hearty and well, you would not won-
der that I do thank you and your won-
derful compound which restored me to
life and health in five months. My friends
all marvel at the change it has made in me
but none can appreciate it better than I can myself.—Miss Irene Hopgood, 1022 Sandwich
St., Windsor, Ont.At the first indication of ill health,
such as painless or irregular menstruation,
secure at once a bottle of Lydia E.
Finckham's Vegetable Compound and
begin its use.

"EL CAPITAN" TO-NIGHT.

Roscan Opera Company Will Open
Four Nights' Engagement at
the Victoria.The Roscan Comic Opera Company, an
organization of thirty people, will
present "Sousa's" brilliant, military
comic opera "El Capitan" at the Vic-
toria theatre this evening. The show
is booked for a four nights' en-
gagement. To-morrow it will appear
in "The Mikado" on Friday night "Fra
Diavolo" and on Saturday "The Tele-
phone Girl."The company comes to Victoria well-
recommended. The Winnipeg Free
Press says that in "El Capitan" it
is more than emphasized the reputation,
for cleverness, vivacity and brilliancy,
which preceded them to that city. The
Winnipeg Tribune says: "Of all the
companies which have come to Whi-
tehorse at the time of year for spring pro-
ductions of comic opera, the Roscans
hold the palm. Each production they
have made has been extremely enjoy-
able. They have become prime favorites
by alerting work."Lucia Nola, the prima donna soprano
with the Roscans—she is stated,
the endorsement of Schumann Heink as
an ardent fan—will sing. Her work
with that famous singer under the
management of Fred Whitney was
so past particularly effective, and in
"El Capitan" the part of Isabel will
give her exceptional opportunity for
the display of that marvelous voice
with which she is credited.

Watson's Theatre.

To-night local theatre-goers will
have their last opportunity of seeing
the Watson Stock Company's excellent
production of "Charlie's Aunt." There
was a big audience present last night
and the comedy went without a hitch.To-morrow night and for the balance
of the week one of the most interesting
of all comedy dramas, "Our Boys" will
be produced. "Our Boys" ran continuously
for nearly three years in London.
Manager Watson is taking special
pains to make the production one
that will please from every standpoint.Next week the big holiday attractions
will be on. Starting with a
Christmas Day matinee and running
until Wednesday night, the farce-play
"Cinderella" will hold the cards. The
last half of the week will be devoted
to Goethe's immortal drama "Faust."
The Watson Company have given ex-
ceptional satisfaction in this great play,
having produced it in every large city
in the west with more than ordinary
success.If you are going East take the Nor-
thern Pacific's popular electric lighted
train "The North Coast Limited."What do you think of this? a
beautiful Caribbean dinner set,
100 pieces, for \$15, at Weller Bros.
These sets are usually sold up to \$25.MONTHLY MEETING
OF HOSPITAL BOARDException Taken to Reports that No
Free Patients are Treated—
Proposed Beds.The director of the Royal Jubilee
hospital held their regular monthly
meeting last evening. F. B. Pemberton
presided, and there were present
in addition H. D. Helmcken, K. C.
Alex. Wilson, A. E. Lewis, J. W. Borden,
D. E. Campbell, R. S. Day, C. A.
Holland, Dr. Hasell and Secretary El-
worthy.A communication was read from R.
T. Uynyan, secretary of the Western
Federation of Miners, desiring informa-
tion relative to the union putting a
bed in the hospital to permit of treat-
ment of members of the organization.
If this were possible particulars as to
what should be done with the money,
The executive was given power to act
on the communication.The board instructed the secretary to
send the information to the writer,
and also to thank the union for its
offer.Capt. Hughes wrote that he had \$22
on hand to be devoted to the putting
in of a bed for the British Columbia
coast service. He asked for informa-
tion as to the cost of maintaining such
a bed, and also made inquiries as to
what should be done with the money.
The executive was given power to act

on the communication.

Miss McDonald, matron of the hos-
pital, communicated the receipt of the
following donations: Daughters of
Pity, fruit and plants; Mrs. Weller,
black napkins and magazines; Mrs. Kent, old linen.The secretary reported the following
donations and subscriptions: Balance
of city grant for 1904, \$89; Jane
Sophie Bates, \$22.99; Lady Crease, \$10;
estate A. VanLakeren, \$25; Wm. Fer-
nie, \$10; W. F. P., \$25.The resident medical officer reported
that during the past month the total
number of patients treated was 152;
total admitted, 95; free patients, 76;
days' stay, 1,964; daily average, 66.14.The house committee recommended that
new linoleum be put down in the
corridors between the medical and
female wards. It was reported that
linoleum to match that put down by
the ladies would cost about \$250. Miss
M. Hungbun, who was appointed
housekeeper-stewardess, commenced
her duties on the 1st inst. The report
was received and adopted.The finance committee recommended
the payment of accounts for the month
of November amounting to \$1,992.08
and salaries for the same month amounting
to \$885.65 had been paid. The
total day's stay for November was
1,992; and the salaries paid and ac-
counts payable give an average cost
per day per patient of \$1.50. The re-
port was received and adopted.The following resolution was passed
unanimously.Resolved, that this board extend its
deep sympathy to Bishop Cridge! and
the family in the hour of grief, through the
death of his wife, who, with the bishop,
was instrumental in the construction and
maintenance of the first hospital in the
city, which has eventually grown into
the splendid institution, the Provincial
Royal Jubilee hospital.The special committee on the con-
struction of the children's ward, were
given additional time, and also the
power to call for tenders for the erection
of the new ward.Alex. Wilson took exception to the
reports that were circulated to the
effect that no patients were treated
free of charge at the Jubilee hospital.
A clergyman of the Catholic denomina-
tion was reported as said that all the
tree patients were sent to St. Joseph's
hospital. Since that ministers of
other denominations had made
similar statements, he thought that
the public should be informed on the
subject in some way. He called atten-
tion to the fact that during the past
year over 800 patients were treated
free.The board adjourned after a short
discussion of the question.—The line of cushion and table
covers, linens, tray cloths, etc., at
Weller's is the wonderment of many
ladies. The variety and beauty of
these goods is captivating.Undertaker—"But have you had any
experience in embalming?"—Butcher—
"I have it. Well, I guess so." I
worked eight years for the Beef Trust.""Where's that umbrella I lent you yester-
day?"—Jones borrowed it. "Why?"
"Oh, nothing; only the fellow I borrowed
it of says that the owner has been
asking for it."—Cleveland Leader.5 p.m.—Forestry in Relation to Agri-
culture—"The Agricultural Forest Prob-
lem," C. C. James, deputy minister of agri-
culture for Ontario; "Forestry on the
Experimental Farms," Dr. Wm. Saund-
ers, director of experimental farms for
the Dominion; "Farm Forestry for the
Eastern Provinces," Rev. A. E. Burke,
Alberton, P. E. I.; "Tree Planting in the
West," Norman M. Ross, assistant super-
intendent of forestry for the West.8 p.m.—Forestry and Irrigation—Ad-
dress by Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion
minister of agriculture; "Forestry and
Irrigation," J. S. Dennis, director of irriga-
tion for the Canadian Pacific railway.

Thursday, 11th January.

10 a.m.—Preliminary Business—Presi-
dent's address by the Right Honourable
Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada;
address by the president of the Cana-
dian Forestry Association; G. G. Joly de
Lotbiniere; address by Gifford Pinchot,
of the forest service of the United
States; innumerable addresses.1 p.m.—The Nation and the Forest—
"Dominion Forestry," E. Stewart, Domi-
nion superintendent of forestry; "For-
est Reserves," Thos. Southworth, director
of forestry for Ontario; "Fore-
stries," Dr. Robert Bell, acting director
of the geological survey; "Water Powers
and Railways," Cecil B. Smith, chairman
of the Temiscaming railway commission.8 p.m.—Forestry and Irrigation—Ad-
dress by Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion
minister of agriculture; "Forestry and
Irrigation," J. S. Dennis, director of irriga-
tion for the Canadian Pacific railway.

Thursday, 11th January.

10 a.m.—Forestry in Relation to Agri-
culture—"The Agricultural Forest Prob-
lem," C. C. James, deputy minister of agri-
culture for Ontario; "Forestry on the
Experimental Farms," Dr. Wm. Saund-
ers, director of experimental farms for
the Dominion; "Farm Forestry for the
Eastern Provinces," Rev. A. E. Burke,
Alberton, P. E. I.; "Tree Planting in the
West," Norman M. Ross, assistant super-
intendent of forestry for the West.8 p.m.—Forestry and Irrigation—Ad-
dress by Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion
minister of agriculture; "Forestry and
Irrigation," J. S. Dennis, director of irriga-
tion for the Canadian Pacific railway.

Friday, 12th January.

10 a.m.—The Relation of Our Forests to
Our Other Industries—"The Wood Sup-
ply of the Railways," W. F. Tye, chief
engineer of the Canadian Pacific railway;
a representative of the Grand Trunk
railway; "Water Powers," C. H. Keeler,
C. E.; "The Forest and the Mine,"
Fred. Keeler, manager, British Colum-
bian Copper Co.; "The Pulp Industry in
Canada," E. B. Biggar, editor of the
Pulp and Paper Magazine; "The
Demand of the Newsprint on the Foreign
Market," a representative of the Canadian
Pulp Association; "The Wood Supply of the
Manufacturer," J. K. Osborne, vice-
president of the Massey-Harris Co.

3 p.m.—Forestry Education.—For-

W. C. T. U. CONCERT.

Entertainment in Institute Hall Last
Night Was a Success.The W. C. T. U. organization con-
cert given last night in Institute Hall
was an excellent one. The work being
done by this organization was shown
by the players read by the superin-
tendents of various departments. Too
much cannot be said in praise of the
parts taken by the children of the
Local Temperance Legion, their reci-
tations and songs being well rendered.
The work was illustrated by tableaux
one of these, the "Rock of Ages" being
especially beautiful. A pathetic scene
was the children from the alleys, poor,
ragged, and unkempt. One of them
in the L. T. L. recited "Rescue the Perishing" and encircled
the little waifs with the banner of ethen
white. The closing tableau was that
of the "Glorious Children" dressed
in gowns to represent the different
nations of the world with the white
ribbon encircling the whole. This
showed how the emblem, the white ribbon,
had indeed encircled the globe.
The Misses Scowcroft sang very pleas-
ing trios. Miss Underhill is to be con-
gratulated on the success of the pro-
gramme. Requests have been made
for it to be repeated some time in the
near future.A communication was read from R.
T. Uynyan, secretary of the Western
Federation of Miners, desiring informa-
tion relative to the union putting a
bed in the hospital to permit of treat-
ment of members of the organization.
If this were possible particulars as to
what should be done with the money,
The executive was given power to act

on the communication.

FORESTRY CONVENTION.

Programme For the Meeting in
Ottawa on January 10th, 11th
and 12th.The Canadian forestry convention
will open in the railway committee
room of the House of Commons, Ottawa,
on January 10th, and will continue
during the two succeeding days.The hon. president of the convention
is His Excellency the Governor General.

The president is the Right Hon.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the vice-presi-
dents are His Honor Sir Henri Joly de
Lotbiniere and R. L. Borden, M. P.Among the members of the executive
committee are Hon. G. Green and F. W.
Jones, president of the B. C. Mountain
Lumbermen's Association.The object of the convention is to
consider the forests of the Dominion,
their importance to the nation and their
influence on the commercial and
agricultural prosperity of the people,
and to discuss means by which the
beneficial influences of the forests may
best be preserved and perpetuated.The railway lines throughout Canada
have kindly arranged for a single fare
rate for the convention on the certi-
fied plan without regard to the num-
ber in attendance. Most of the rail-
ways in the United States will provide
return for one-third fare provided
there is an attendance of over one
hundred.The following is a preliminary state-
ment of the programme, and of those
who will take part:

Wednesday, 10th January.

10 a.m.—Preliminary Business—Presi-
dent's address by the Right Honourable
Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada;
address by the president of the Cana-
dian Forestry Association; G. G. Joly de
Lotbiniere; address by Gifford Pinchot,
of the forest service of the United
States; innumerable addresses.Asked whether many new arrivals
had come to the colony during the
year, he said that in the fall fully 200
Doukhobors came from Siberia, whence
they had been banished by the Russian
government because they had re-
fused to carry arms. Their families
were, many of them, already here and
to them they were like fathers and
brothers from the land of the dead.
For twelve long years they had pined
away in the dreary Siberian wilds
buoyed up by the hope of seeing their
families again in Canada, whence they
had gone during their captivity.
Why were they sentment to Siberia?"
was asked."There was no alternative," he re-
plied: "that of taking up arms,
and Doukhobors will never do that.
They preferred to go into exile than
to violate the tenets of their religion."Most of these exiles were sentenced
to eighteen years, but their terms were
reduced to twelve and they were al-
lowed to come out to Canada. In the
west there are two colonies of these
people, one at Yorkton and another at
Prince Albert. At Yorkton it was stated
that they were about 7,000 strong
while some 3,000 lived near Prince Albert.
The past year, he stated, was a
prosperous one for them. The camp
had been splendid but not more than
natural, and the Doukhobors had
although they had twenty threshing out-
fits of their own at work. Last spring
they had ten steam engines in use to
do their ploughing. Besides a large
number of horses.All up-to-date conveniences for the
traveling public are found on the
"North Coast Limited" train of the
Northern Pacific.8 p.m.—Forestry and Irrigation—Ad-
dress by Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion
minister of agriculture; "Forestry and
Irrigation," J. S. Dennis, director of irriga-
tion for the Canadian Pacific railway.

Thursday, 11th January.

10 a.m.—Forestry in Relation to Agri-
culture—"The Agricultural Forest Prob-
lem," C. C. James, deputy minister of agri-
culture for Ontario; "Forestry on the
Experimental Farms," Dr. Wm. Saund-
ers, director of experimental farms for
the Dominion; "Farm Forestry for the
Eastern Provinces," Rev. A. E. Burke,
Alberton, P. E. I.; "Tree Planting in the
West," Norman M. Ross, assistant super-
intendent of forestry for the West.8 p.m.—Forestry and Irrigation—Ad-
dress by Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion
minister of agriculture; "Forestry and
Irrigation," J. S. Dennis, director of irriga-
tion for the Canadian Pacific railway.

Friday, 12th January.

10 a.m.—The Relation of Our Forests to
Our Other Industries—"The Wood Sup-
ply of the Railways," W. F. Tye, chief
engineer of the Canadian Pacific railway;a representative of the Grand Trunk
railway; "Water Powers," C. H. Keeler,
C. E.; "The Forest and the Mine,"
Fred. Keeler, manager, British Colum-
bian Copper Co.; "The Pulp Industry in
Canada," E. B. Biggar, editor of the
Pulp and Paper Magazine; "The
Demand of the Newsprint on the Foreign
Market," a representative of the Canadian
Pulp Association; "The Wood Supply of the
Manufacturer," J. K. Osborne, vice-
president of the Massey-Harris Co.

3 p.m.—Forestry Education.—For-

Ryrie
"Steady Flow"
Fountain PenOur \$1.00 Fountain Pen
is a popularly favored
specialty at Diamond Hall's
enlarged Stationery De-
partment.The point is of finely
finished solid 14k gold
with iridium tip. The
name "Steady Flow" is
accurately descriptive,
and the pen is guaranteed
for a year.

Marine and Shipping

COMING IN MAY.

The sealing schooner Beatrice L. Corkum, owned by Capt. Bennett of this city, will operate next year in Behring Sea. At the present time the Corkum is taking seal in the southern seas. The catch will be shipped from a South American port, and the schooner will then proceed northward along the coast, engaging in hunting and reaching Victoria about May with her coast take, which will be marketed from here. The Corkum will afterwards proceed to Behring Sea, Capt. Bennett operating both the Umbria and the Corkum.

IN DANGER.

A message came from Carmanah last evening stating that a four-masted freighter was in signs of distress off the port, and was dangerously near shore. Word was sent to the Fleet Sound Telegraph Company to dispatch a tug to the rescue at once. The schooner had been trying to enter the Straits, aid in maneuvering, too close to Vancouver Island. A fifty-six mile gale was blowing yesterday morning, but with a change of weather conditions the schooner was able to work off shore into a comparatively safe position. At least she was reported well off shore this morning. Up till about noon no tug had reached her to give her a tow up the Straits.

FROM WEST COAST.

Word comes from the West Coast on the steamer Queen City, which reached port last night, that the catch of whales taken at the Sechart station has been increased to almost an average of two a day. The Queen City had a very rough trip. She had been as far as Quatsino, and on the return had to lie at Bamfield over night because of heavy southeast gale. As a heavy

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

At a representative meeting of school trustees of Burnaby municipality held on Friday evening, the new school act was discussed, and it was decided that the trustees, assessing and collecting the school tax, was so cumbersome as to render it almost unworkable, too much machinery being the small return or collection to be made. Representation will be made to the legislature, on the matter with a view of getting the act amended.

Mayor Kearny has received a cheque of \$2,000 for the New Westminster library from Andrew Carnegie, who originally gave \$15,000 for the erection and equipment of the building.

PHOENIX.

It is now the expectation of W. C. Thomas, superintendent of the Dominion Copper Company's smelting works at Boundary Falls, to blow in the second furnace at those works in about two weeks' time. Two weeks ago the first furnace was placed in blast by Mr. Thomas, and since then has been doing very satisfactory work, is understood, unofficially. Approximately 250 tons of ore per day have been smelted, the ore all coming from the company's Brooklyn, Stemwinder, and Boundary mines in Phoenix camp, and from the Sunset mine in Deadwood camp, the latter being used as a flux. A number of improvements have been made by Mr. Thomas since he assumed charge at Boundary, and with his force of some 60 men, he is getting excellent results. The smelter from the Dominion Copper Company's smelter is converted at the converting works of the British Columbia Copper Company at Greenwood; a carload being treated every two or three days. With the blowing in of the second furnace at this smelter the daily output will fairly be attended to by two teachers.

Put Gloves on Your Shopping List To-Day

LADIES'

At \$1.00 a Pair

Dents' Walking Gloves.

At \$1.25 Per Pair

Maggioni French Kid, all shades.

At \$1.25 and \$1.50 a Pair

Perrins' Kid and Suedes, all shades.

At \$1.50 a Pair

Raynier Suede Hand-Sewn Glove, all shades.

At \$1.50 a Pair

Fawns' Kid and Deer Skin, P. K. Sews.

At \$1.25 and \$1.50 a Pair

Jauvin's Suede, all shades.

At \$1.75 a Pair

Vallier Wash Kid, all shades.

At \$1.50 and \$2.50 a Pair

Dents' and Perrins' Silk-lined Mocha Gloves.

MEN'S.

From \$1.00 to \$1.00 a Pair

Imbracing all the above makers.

Glove Certificates

Best form of gift giving. Recipient chooses what she pleases. You make no mistake.

Our Guarantee

All our Kid Gloves are guaranteed against manufacturers' imperfections, and we will replace (by a new pair) all imperfect gloves that are returned without showing signs of wear.

FINCH & FINCH,
HATTERS & HABERDASHERS
57 Government Street.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Seven Sutherland Sisters

Bequeath to announce to the ladies and gentlemen of Victoria, West that they have made arrangements with W. H. ROBINSON, DENTIST, ESQUIMAUWAH, and will hold daily demonstrations for two weeks, commencing 27th November, 1905, regarding treatment of the Hair and Scalp. They respectfully invite everyone to call and consult with them concerning the Long, Beautiful Hair, grown by the use of the SEVEN SUTHERLAND SISTER'S HAIR GROWER AND HAIR AND ALP-CLEANER, Canadian Hair Oil, 11 Colborne Street, Toronto. J. H. Bailey, Foreign Manager.

YUKON OPEN.

The Yukon river is said to be open at Yukon Crossing.

Latest advices received by M. J. B. White, freight and passenger traffic manager of the White Horse railway, are that the weather in the Yukon watershed is unusually cold. The stages between Dawson and White Horse are making good time. Wm. Robinson has commenced the operation of a line of stages between Dawson and Fairbanks, and is running a regular schedule.

NO NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The officers and crew and passengers of the R. M. S. Empress of India which sails for the Orient on Christmas Day, will, strange to say, have a New Year's Day," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "This is owing to the change in time and date of crossing the hundred and eightieth meridian, which the officers of the India hope to reach on the night of Sunday, December 31. After crossing the line day will be gained. Instead of the next day being Monday, January 1st, 1906, it will be Tuesday, January 2nd, thus cheating the passengers aboard the Empress of the pleasure of seeing the old year out and the new year in."

of the company's mines in this camp will also be doubled. At present the company has about 160 men all told on its payroll, which number will be materially increased with the merging of output soon to take place. The monthly payroll of the company in this camp, which took place last week, "distributed about \$10,000 in wages alone here from the one company. With that of the Granby company here, which also took place at the same time, between \$30,000 and \$35,000 was paid out here to miners in the same place.

KAMLOOPS.
After barely a week's illness, George Ogilvy Robertson, aged 23, section foreman at Savona for the past four years, died on Wednesday at the Royal Infirmary of pneumonia. He leaves a widow and three young children to mourn his loss.

The Yale-Cariboo Teachers' Institute will hold their biennial convention in this city on Wednesday and Thursday, January 16th and 17th next. The day sessions will be held in the public school building and special arrangements have been made for the evenings, that of the first day being devoted to a public meeting in the K. M. & A. A. hall and on Thursday evening a conversation will be held in the same place.

FERDIE.
The Miners' hotel at Moggyey mines, with all its furniture and contents, was totally destroyed by fire early Friday morning. The fine hotel was built three years ago at a cost of \$6,000, and the contents would bring the sum of \$15,000. It was insured for \$5,000. The cause of the fire is a mystery, and it is generally believed that it was of incendiary origin. The day before Joe Gall, the former proprietor, moved out, and Friday Messrs. W. Behn and Grant Downing, the new proprietors, who had taken a long lease of the hotel, intended moving in. The building was the property of the Triton Wood Company. The fire commenced about 3 o'clock, and was well under way when it was noticed. A vacant house valued at \$1,500 was also burned, and the Western hotel got a searching.

VERNON.
Mrs. A. Swanson, late of Santa Cruz, a graduate of the Victoria Jubilee hospital, who has spent some years as superintendent of a hospital in Bellingham, has been engaged to fill the position of lady superintendent of the Vernon Jubilee hospital, just vacated by Miss Woodland. She came in to assume the duties of her office on Wednesday's train. —News.

REVELSTOKE.
On Wednesday, while a train in charge of Conductor Bruce was standing at Beaverfoot, Brakeman J. H. Davison was coupling cars, when the engine suddenly backed, and a steel rail slipping from a flat car he was on caught and drove him against a box car, inflicting terrible injuries. He was removed to Golden hospital, where he died Friday morning.

Work is progressing on the new mill of the Revelstoke Sawmill Company at the Blue Eddy and their camp is going again for a big cut for next spring.

GREENWOOD.
Kenneth McKenzie, president, occupied the chair at the annual meeting of the Greenwood Liberal Association. Secretary-Treasurer Thomas read the annual financial statement, which showed a substantial balance to the credit of the association. Dr. H. S. Simmons was elected president for the ensuing year. Dr. H. Mathison, vice-president, and A. F. Thomas, was unanimously re-elected secretary-treasurer. The following were unanimously elected as the executive committee: Kenneth McKenzie, Geo. R. Naden, W. Graham, S. B. Yull, J. W. Parker and T. F. Sutherland.

ITALIAN CABINET RESINS.
Rome, Dec. 18.—The cabinet of Prime Minister Fortis has resigned, following a twelve hours' debate in the chamber of deputies and the defeat by the opposition of the commercial measure vivendi with Spain. The sitting was a most exciting one. It had been understood that the fate of the cabinet would be decided by the vote on the measure, and 460 deputies were present. The visiting gallery was crowded to overflowing.

In the debate Premier Fortis defended the position of the government, saying that the modus vivendi would protect Italy's interests.

The poll on the modus vivendi was lost by a majority of 182.

Mrs. Newell (during the first sittings) "Some of my friends say that you only married me for my money," — Newell. "Well, please don't contradict them, my dear. I don't want them to think I'm a fool." —Chicago Daily News.

Dr. Arthur suggested that multiplicity of classes might be avoided by substituting matriculation courses for the intermediate grade of the education department curriculum. After further discussion Dr. Arthur moved that the question of adding to the High school staff be left over for further consideration at a special meeting, which was accepted.

The death occurred in Nelson at an early hour Saturday morning of Mrs. Martha Robinson, widow of the late W. P. Robinson, sheriff of Kootenay. Mrs. Robinson had been a resident of Nelson for 15 years, having come here from Manitoba, in 1882, and was 60 years of age. Eight children were born to her, all of whom survive. They are Mrs. Motley of Nelson, Mrs. Guest and Mrs. Lymbach, of Winnipeg; Mrs. S. Shaw, of Seattle, and Mrs. Paterson, of Kamloops; Walter J. Robinson, of Rossland, H. D. Robinson, of Idaho, and Oscar Robinson, of Nelson. Mr. Motley, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Paterson are now in Nelson.

KAMLOOPS.

After barely a week's illness, George Ogilvy Robertson, aged 23, section foreman at Savona for the past four years, died on Wednesday at the Royal Infirmary of pneumonia. He leaves a widow and three young children to mourn his loss.

THE PIANOLA OR PIANOLA PIANO.

FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF CHRISTMAS DAY GUESTS . . .

The Pianola or Pianola Piano

Holidays are always occasions when the great value of the Pianola as a source of home entertainment is made manifest. Particularly is this true of Thanksgiving, a day when there are family reunions and plans for the day's recreation are largely confined to the home circle.

A Pianola in the home on Thanksgiving will introduce a note of gayety into the celebration and relieve the guests may be entertained with the latest successes from the world of light opera. Some of the guests will want to play themselves, for the pleasure of personally producing music is even keener than that of listening to it.

Light Opera Successes For the PIANOLA:

VERONIQUE, PEARL AND THE PUMPKIN, HAPPYLAND, ROGERS BROS. IN IRELAND, FORTY-FIVE MINUTES FROM BROADWAY, CATCH OF THE SEASON, TROLLICKING CHIL, LAND OF NOD, MAYOR OF TOKIO, DOLLY DOLLARS, DUKE OF DULUTH, WONDERLAND.

The Pianola may be purchased in either of two forms. First, as a cabinet to be moved in front of the keyboard of any piano; second, as the Pianola Piano, a combination of Piano and Pianola in a single instrument. This is the new type of piano which is revolutionizing piano sales, all over the world. It can be seen and purchased in British Columbia only from the Hicks & Lovick Piano Co. Ltd. If you already own a piano, it will be accepted in part payment.

Why not begin your enjoyment of a Pianola or Pianola Piano with Christmas, and thus have the instrument on hand for all subsequent holidays and to provide amusement during the long winter evenings? A moderate down payment will give immediate possession.

Hicks & Lovick Piano Co., Limited

88 Government Street, Victoria.

NORTHWEST TRAVELLERS.

Annual Meeting at Winnipeg—Vice-President for British Columbia.

At the annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association at Winnipeg most gratifying reports were presented. The membership has increased 16 per cent, during the year, numbering now 1,842, of which 382 are in British Columbia, where the association is flourishing. Another branch for Alberta will be opened at Calgary.

The following were elected for British Columbia—President for Vancouver, E. F. Ogilvy; vice-president for Victoria, W. W. Duncan; director for Vancouver, C. F. Bell; F. A. Richardson; director for Victoria, J. C. Devlin; director for New Westminster, Fred. Lynch; director for Kootenay, George Nunn.

A SPLENDID RECITAL HALL.

Fletcher Bros. have erected a fine show and music room.

IN no department of city trade has greater enterprise been manifested of late years than among the music firms of Victoria. They have more than kept march with the demands of the times, both in the quality of the goods handled and in the artistic arrangements of the show rooms in which the goods are displayed.

A striking example of this spirit of progress has just been afforded by the well-known firm of Fletcher Bros. of Government street. They have long been seriously hampered in their work by inadequate facilities, and this fall determined to have more roomy quarters, even if they had to pay for the same out of their own pockets. It is less than a month since this decision was reached, and to-day they threw open to the public a splendid recital hall at the rear of their former show room, which will accommodate over one hundred people. This hall is sixty feet in length and twenty feet wide, its outstanding feature, however, is the acoustic properties of the chamber, which are perfect for the purposes for which it was designed. This has been accomplished by using high ceilings of about eighteen feet, and employing a good finish. The hall comes from a first-class skylight and floor of white wood.

The firm are able to display as never before their splendid line of Garhard, Mendelsohn, Karn and Morris pianos, their Apollo piano play-

er, and all the minor accessories of the music dealers' show room.

The management intend to employ the new room which has been erected at a cost of about \$2,000 for private recitals, as well as for their own purposes.

Mention must not be omitted of the dispatch of Contractor Snider, who in about three weeks converted a pile of bricks, mortar and lumber into the elegant apartment in which reference has been made.

The following were elected for British Columbia—President for Vancouver, E. F. Ogilvy; vice-president for Victoria, W. W. Duncan; director for Vancouver, C. F. Bell; F. A. Richardson; director for Victoria, J. C. Devlin; director for New Westminster, Fred. Lynch; director for Kootenay, George Nunn.

First Prize—SILVER TEA SET

Second Prize—Handsome Clock.

Fletcher Bros. have erected a fine show and music room.

IN no department of city trade has

greater enterprise been manifested of late years than among the music firms of Victoria. They have more than kept march with the demands of the times, both in the quality of the goods handled and in the artistic arrangements of the show rooms in which the goods are displayed.

A striking example of this spirit of

progress has just been afforded by the well-known firm of Fletcher Bros.

of Government street. They have long

been seriously hampered in their work

by inadequate facilities, and this fall

determined to have more roomy

quarters, even if they had to pay for

the same out of their own pockets.

It is less than a month since this deci-

sion was reached, and to-day they threw

open to the public a splendid recital

hall at the rear of their former show

room, which will accommodate over

one hundred people. This hall is sixty

feet in length and twenty feet wide,

its outstanding feature, however, is

the acoustic properties of the chamber,

which are perfect for the purposes

for which it was designed. This has

been accomplished by using high

ceilings of about eighteen feet, and

employing a good finish

